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DECLARATION

of the iust and necessar cau-
sis, MOVING VS OF THE

Nobilitie of Scotland & vthers ye Kings
MAIESTEIS FAITHFVL SVBIECTIS

to repair to his Hiennes presence, and to remane with him

for resisting of the present daingeris appearing

to Goddis trew religion and professours

thairof & to his Hiennes awin

person estate & crown

& his faithful

subiectis

that hes constantly continuitt in his obedience, &c

to seek redres & reformatioun of the abuse

and confusioun of the commoun wealth

Remouing frō his Maiestie the cheif

authoris thair of quhill the trectis

of the samin may be maid ma

nifest to his Hiennes estates

That with common

consent redres &

remeid may

be prou

id,

Decretit from Striuling with speciall
command and licence to be prentit.

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E the Nobilitie and vtheris the Kingis Maiesties faithfull subiectis mouit laityly to repair to his presence: and to

remane with him for resisting of the grit dangeris appearing to the trew religioun & professouris thairof, to the Kings awin persoun estate and Croune. And to the commoun welth of this cuntrey, willing that the groundis and occasiounis of all our proceedingis be maid patent and manifest to all our Souerane Lordis trewe Liegis and guid subiectis, quhairthrow the prosequitioun of this our godly and honest cause may tak the better effect to the glorie of God, the cheif and onlie authour thairof, and to the releif & comfort of yis puir afflicted commoun welth. Haif thocht it maist meit & expedient to publishe and diulgat the iust and necessar causis, mouing vs to provide for a gud

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and godly redres & reformatioun of the
abuses & enormiteis vnderwritin, houp-
ping yat all the trew professours of Gods
religioun presently preachit within this
realme, And all sic that hes constantly co-
tinuit in the Kingis Ma. obedience, and
tenderis the commoun wealth of thair
natiue cuntrey, will put to thair hand &
forder this godly interprese, that with co-
moun consent and sound aduyse the best
and maist suir remedy thairfoir may be
prouydit.

¶ IN THE FIRST, it is not vn-
knawin how our forebearis faithfully ser-
uit our Kingis Maiesteis maist noble Pro-
genitouris & spendit yair lyfis in defence
of this Realme aganis all forane enemyis.
As our Fatheris & we haue hazardit our
lyfis and lands in preservatioun of his in-
nocent persoun, first from the murtherer
of his Father, and thairefter in defence of
his Croun and authoritie, being sua ioy-
ned with the cause of Godis trew Religi-
oun, as the one culd ressaue na detrimen-
with

without the inconuenient of the vyer, on
their hope alwayis of his grace guid allo-
uance, & assunt protectioun thairfor at
his zeiris of discretioun, like as indeid we
neuer fand nor findis in his Maiesties au-
gud nature & propir inclination bot a
hif & zeale to that trew & christien reli-
gioun, quhairin he was godly nurished, a
giving affectioun to all his nobilitie and
theris faithfull subiectis and ane earnest
desyre to haue the commoun wealth of
this his realme gouerned in peax accor-
ding to iustice and equitie. zit of lait zeiris
in sum few men borne heritouris to na-
thing in this land, partly moued be igno-
rance of this estait, and pairty be ane am-
bitious desyre, not onelye to be equalles
bot superiouris to the ancient nobilitie.
Clething yame with the pretēce of ye K.
ienes Name and kinrent, and ascryuing
into his Maiestie the odious tytle of ane
absolute power, Thay haue not ceassit to
attempt in effect quhat thay pleasit, in an
strange and vnaccustomat maner, and in

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a verie short space of his Maiesties zoun-
age, hes aspyrit to tytillis of heich hono-
and obtenit the possessioun & cōmoditie
of grit and fair leuingis baith spirituall &
temporall, besyde gritt brybes in money
Iowellis and vther coistly graith ressaue
be sum of thame. Both how iustly & with
quhar gud grūd & ordour almighty God
knawis & will declair with tyme. Quhill
we patiently beheld quhil be experience
we fand all thingis tending to the vnder-
mynding and ouerthrawe of trew religi-
oun put in lyuely practise, and working
fordward to the destruction of the Mini-
steris of Godis word & haill professouris
thairof and thair with all the Kings Maie-
steis gude fame falling in decaye, and his
Croun & authoritie to be put in questi-
oun be the preuie practise of a reconfila-
tioun betuix his Hienes & his Moder, be
dimission of his Croun, or ioyning hir in
coniunct authoritie with his Hienes,
drawing in the meane tyme ye ordour of
Justice & haill gouernament of the com-
moun

noun welth in a dissolute partiall & con-
fused ordour, that the vther mischeifis in-
tendit micht the mair easilye proceid vn-
lespyit

F O R as concerning the dangeris
appearing to the trew religioun and pro-
fessours thair of. Quhat gritter preparatiō
of wraik & ouerthraw of the trew religiō
culd be intendit, nor to ga about to cor-
rupt the Kings Maiesties tēder aige, maist
godly and happelly nurished instructit &
exercisit befoir thir men came in credite.
Occupying his Hienes for the maist part
not onely in vanities bot also defyling his
eares wth filthy & vncūly spechis, drawing
his residence in the places of Dalkeith
& Kinneill, quhair the grittest resorte of
pepill was commounly Papistis dissolut
personis & sic as had bene euer aduersa-
is to trew religioun his awin persoun &
estate, and quhair hurdome & insolence
was mair frequent nor princely & vertu-
ous exercises. That vyle & impudent wo-
man ouer famous for hir monstrous do-
ingis

Ingis, not without probable suspitioun of
the deuillish Magicall art, neuer ceassing
be hir wickit inuentionis, slanderous ly
ing and fylthie wordes and be hir vncū
ly doingis to vex and importune the K
Maiestie to the grit greif of findrie yat be
held and culd not amend the same.

¶ A N D be that companie & from
yai places his Maiestie was perswadit not
onlie to wryte to Papistis & to enter in in
telligence with thame bot to sic Papister
Scottismen borne as wer be his hienes
estaitis iustly forsaltit for tressonable cry
mes committit be thame aganis his aucto
ritie. Persuasioun geuin to his Hienes ya
the suirtie of his estait & Croun depēdi
cheifly on sic freindship as thair trauellis
and practisis micht compas & procure ve
to him. Quhilk in end notwithstanding
the concurrance of the Papis nunce and
vtheris maist notable persequuteris of ye
Kirk of God in France wrocht not same
kill as to procure him anis to be styled
King: zit to interteine this trade sum ta
kinn

Kinn's & presentis was procurit and send
vnto his Maiestie to hald his Hienes oc-
cupyit with contemplatioun & vse of ye
noueltie yairof, quhil with tyme he micht
be drawin farther in the snair intendit for
the wraik of his Maiestie & vs all.

¶ I N the meane tyme the practise of
the assosiation working forward, the K.
Maiestie hes bene perluadit to allow that
the Ministeris suld be put at, not plainlye
bot indirectly & coloratly at the first. Be-
ginnand with dispositioun of beneficis to
personis vnworthie & vnqualifyit (pleno
iure) and be absolute power without ex-
amination or admissioun of the Kirk aga-
nis the lawes & constitutionis of this re-
aline, and without dew prouisioun maid
for sustentation of the Ministeris seruing
at the Kirkis of prelacijs in that sorte dis-
ponit.

¶ N I X T the disciplene of the Kirk
mair opinly impugnit, quhē as the Kings
Maiestie be the persuasiō of thir enemies
to the Kirk was inducit to mak him selte

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and his priue counsell Iudges in the cognitioun & iugement of materis meir ecclesiasticall & concerning the doctrine of the preichouris & to tak vpon him quhat sumeuir iurisdiction the Paip vsurped thairinto ofauld, Zea & mair to dischaing the generall assemblee and haill pastouris within this Realme to proceed to the sentence of excommunicatioun, also to suspend the same sentence of excomuniatio maist iustly and ordourly pronuncit and to decerne the samin of nane availl force nor effect.

¶ A T last the mouthis of Preichouris hes bene stoppit be commandemēt. Sum Ministeris hes bene dung, banished, suspendit from the Ministrie, cassin in prison and remoued frō thair flockis, vntreyt or lauchfully cōuictēd of ony cryme or iust occasion. Otheris of thame hes bene laitly indytit and callit to vnderly the Lawe in maist suspect iudgement for tressonable & foule crymes to mak thame & yair doctrine odious, & thay hauing purchest
aduocation

aduocation to the iustice general (quhais
iudgement thay meine neuer to decline)
the ressaing of thair souerteis in the ordi
nar maner be cōmandement was differrit
and refusit to be ressauit That thai being
put to the horne as rebellis, thair escheits
nicht haue bene disponit vpon. Cōman
dement also hes bene geuin nor to pro
ceid in execution of the ecclesiastical cen
sures aganis manifest and obstinat offen
daris.

¶ IT is mair nor manifest how the K.
Maiestie hes bene intyfit & prouoked to
tarie fra ye sermonis of godly Priecheours
and to tak leth to heir the treuth in repro
uing of sin spokin be thame. And be the
contrair to permit a periurit & excommu
nicat persoun worthelie cut of from the
societie & fallowship of Christ to be in
terteineit and fosterit in his sicht & com
pame.

¶ WAS thair not violence vsit to pul
the ordinar Minister out of the pulpet of
the Kirk of Glasgou & be force to place
and

& intruse thairin the same vnworthie mā
was not Papistis and mē weil knawin in-
famous purposely placit as magistrattis in
that citie & vniuersitie to truble the Kirk
& studeis of the Scolleris with special di-
rectioun to thame, & to the gentilmen of
the cuntrey to displace the ordinar mini-
ster & intruse in that rounge, that same self
vnworthie persoun quha lang befor was
dischargit of all functioun in the Kirk of
God. was he not only thair manteined &
expres cōmandemēt geuin to suffer name
of the Ministeris quha withstude him to
haue rest or freindship in thay boundis.
And was not the officer of the Kirk that
past to charge him takin and put in pris-
soun.

¶ T O quhat excessiue chargis & tra-
uellis wer the Ministeris within & about
Glasgow and the Maisters and Regenis
of the vniuersitie put to, be thair oft sum-
monding befor his Maiestie & counsaill
& continuatioun of thair cause to findrie
dayis and places. The Scolleris thairwall
being

ing the sonnys of nobill men Barronis
vtheris of gud qualitie furiously inua-
: and thair blud drawin.

¶ QVHAIR VPON dyuers pri-
t and publick complaintes being made
and the Ministrie conuening and presen-
ing the causis of thair greitis vnto the K.
maiestie at Perth, how hardly & vnrea-
nable thay war vsit be sum of the coun-
ll for the tyme, and how slenderly an-
ered with reformatioun of lytill or na-
ing cōplenit vpon Be the same answer
ay zit appeir.

¶ I N place of quhilk redres and re-
formatioun hoped for, was thair nor ane
secret geuin & letteris in ye four formes
ast be these Lordis of the preuie coun-
ll for the tyme, To answer and obeye
id excommunicat man of the rent
actis of the Archbischoprik of Gl.
a maner parciall, & altogidder extraor-
nar, yat being na competent iudgement
or ony sic mater, bot the Lordis of the
counsell & sessioun to quhais iudgement.

fic materis properly appertenit, plainelie
refusing the granting of ony sic letteris to
a persoun sua standing excommunicat.

¶ A N D besyde all this be act of pr
uie counsell & Proclamatiounis past yai
vpon and publiſt not only at dyueris ma
cat Croces bot in the Kirk of S. Iohnest
in the K. Maieſteis awin heiring quhill
his grace was intyſit to afferme be his aw
mouth. Thair was a narration maid rich
flāderous & displeſant to the hearts of a
sic as ſent it God and luſit ye trew religion
quhairby the Miniſteris ar callit vnnatur
all ſubiectis ſeditous personis trubilſum
and vnquyet ſpirits, memberis of Sathan
enemies to the Kingis Maieſtie and the
common welth of thair natiue countrie
Concluding in the ſame proclamatioun
wies a com mandement to diſſiſt frō prei
ching of ſic thingis as thair ar callit lye
howbeit in veritie knawin ſinnes & offer
tis aganis God & to the hurt & flaunde
of his Kirk and trew religioun. And diſ
charging thame the conuentionis & aſſe
bleis

bleis of the Ministrie vnder the pane to be
punish as rebellis and makeris of conuo-
cacioun.

¶ T O all this concurrit the frequent
aduerteismentis and rumoris of forayne
countreys of the suddane alteration of
religion & cutting away of the principals
of the nobillitie professouris yairof to be
shortly attemptit in Scotland. It was in-
quyrit be sum gif our Kings Maiestie past
alreddy to the Mes, famous buikis & ly-
bellis wer printit & disperfit in this coun-
trei warnand the professouris of Goddis
trew religioun to remoue. Daylie intelli-
gence was betuix thir men that gouernit
the Kingis Maiesteis persoun & estait, &
the Papistis baith in France & Ingland &
sum of the Inglis fugitiues being Papistis
esett & intertenyt vrie neir the Kingis
Maiesties persoun for the tyme. The
speciall names offic of the Nobillitie of
Fencibles, & of the Kingis trew seruandis yat
war destinat for the Massacre in all menis
dispouthis and nathing resting bot the exe-
cution

cution sen the Authouris of the lyke in
France had obtenit place & credite to cō
mand also in Scotlād. The lyffis & deith
of noblemen & vtheris ye Kingis faithful
subiectis notdepēding vpō ane ordinar &
lawful tryel of yat quhairw̄ yai might ony
wayis be chargit according to the anciēt
& louable lawis of this realme. Bor thair
distay and distructioun standing in the
priue aduertismentis daylie ressaui furth
of France and ingland fra thair aduersaris
in religioun & thair knawin profssit ene-
meis yat lāg hes awayted procurand yair
wraik, quhair of thair intentiō was to mak
our Kingis Maiestie the instrument

¶ AND for the better performing
of this thair vngodly enterpryse, tending
to the vtter wraik & finall subuersioun of
the trew religioun and hail professouris
thair of, Thay haue trauellit with the K.
Maiestie to persuaide him be all meanes
possible to take vpoun him selfe to be the
authour of all this wraik & dissimulatioun
As he was moued be thair importunitie
to declar

to declair in S. Iohnestoun all abusis com-
plenit vpon to be his awin deid howbeit
we dout not bot his Maiestie is altogid-
der innocent.

¶ **NOW** the trew & christiane re-
ligioun and haill professouris thair of be-
ing brocht to sic hazard and extremity as
is abone rehearfit, Quha can not cōsider
and behald the euident dangeris quhilk
appearit to ye Kings awin persoun estate
& Crown seing the ane sa dependis vpon
the vther that the ane can not be hurt or
imparit in ony wayis without the grit in-
commoditie & detreiment of the vther.

✱ **FOR** by and attour the trauellling
to corrupt the Kingis aige geuand him
all the prouocatiounis to dissolute lyte in
maneris that was possible, be licentious
company be intertening of thair awin har-
lots in his presence, & carying thame a-
bout with thame, to all places quhair his
Hienes did repair.

¶ **QVHAT** sall we speik of the sham-
es and filthie behauiour of hir that is cal-

lit Countesse of Arrane, quha not beand
satisfit with the shame and ignominye
done to the Earle of Marche the Kingis
derrest vncle, through hir inordinat lust,
ceis not zit to peruert the Kingis Maies-
teis awin zouth be slanderous speiche &
countenance quhilk we are ashamed to
expres.

¶ **Q V H A T** grither danger can be
deuyfit against the Kingis Maiesties estate
& Croune, nor to ding continually in his
eiris and to persuaid him to think his reg-
ne vnshure wantand his Moderis benne-
foun & that France and Spaine wald not
call him King bot at hir desire. And to yae
effect to write vnto hir & enter in practis-
anent the dimisslioun of his Croun or for
associatioun of hir in coniuinct authoritie
w him to the extreme perrell of his awin
estat: To cast all thingis done sen he was
crouned in dout, and to mak all his trewe
Nobillite & subiectis traitouris. And in
the meime tyme quhill as this purpose
was still working nather the Estatis nor
counsa

counsaill being maid preuie to ye message
or answer returnit, findrie practises he
bene maid with Papistis baith in France
and England speciallie with Scottis men
standing forfaltit of quhome findrie war
drawin hame: Sum intrusit to be Magi-
stratis within burrowis, quha is inhabitants
for ye Kings quarrel thay haue murtherit
hesyde that thay war gyltie of the blude
of the Kingis M. Parentis, vtheris stāding
conuict of the Kingis Fatheris murthour
wil affectit to his Croū & seruice brocht
in credit & thair aduysis in materis of grit
est importance cheifly followit. The no-
ble men and vtheris that had alwayis con-
inuit the Kingis faithfull subiectis and
veill willaris reprochit & banissit his Hi-
nes court & companie vnharde or tryit,
nares laid to trap thame sum faiklesly for-
dit, vtheris impedit to gif thair frie voris
in Parliament, & counsaill and gif thay did
raggit & quarrellit thairfoir, continuall
is & misreportis of thame dung in the
Kingis M. earis to mak thē odious. & ye
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of Innermarky fugitiue & remaning furth
of the realme for a foule murder, for ane
brybe brocht hame & pardonit. To mak
him for his awin remission ane accuser
of noblemen and the Kingis gud & faith
full subiectis. Thus the Kingis Maiesties
auctoritie fame & reputatiō being brocht
in decay & gritly diminissin a cair not mē
tion is maid for his promissō to amariage
wth a party agriable & of ye same religion.

¶ T H A T thir soirnait practises
baith aganis the trew religioun and the
Kings Maiesties estait & Cronn hes bene
deuyfit & intendit experience teachis
to be maist trew, lyke as alsua the samyng
appearis maist manifestly be the dissoluti
oun of the ametye and freindship betwix
his Maiestie & his derrest sister ye Quein
of England & ye tua realmes maliciously
procurit be thir men altogidder ignorant
of the estait of the countrey and authoris
of thir calameteis, traouelling be all meins
possible to alienat the Kingis M. mind fra
hir freindship, notwithstanding hir great

zeale

ale and affectioun shawin fra tyme to
me in the mentenance & protectioun
the trew religioun in baith the realmis
of the grit cair loue and prouidence de
arit oftentimes in the preservatioun of
e Kingis. Mat^{is} persoun estait & Croun
nd repressing be hir force & substance of
ueris rebellions attemptit aganis his
rsoun during his infancie.

¶ A S concerning the cōmoun welrh
the realme standing cheifly in the guid
d vertuous governing of the Kings per
un and estait, & in the equal administra
oun of iustice to all the subiectis, to the
nfort of the guid & terror of ye wickit
all indifferent mé iudge quhat hes be
ye condition thair of thir tua or thrie
iris past. Is not the haille ordour of ius
ce and policie of the realme interuertit
he lawe brokin be making of men and
emē prisoners & vsing & threatning of
rtur for euerie licht & simulat cause &
nishment of the honest men of Edin
urgh from thair awin housis thay neuer

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being callit nor conuict of any cryme be
delatit be ye malice of thair euill willen
& relaxt or kepit strait at yir mēis appe
tyte, Quha hes lest nathing vnsocht or v
assayir yat thay micht mak profiteit or mo
ney of, not sparing that quhilk sould haue
sustenit the Kingis awin estait, & the neid
full effairis of the realme, & zit the samir
not able to sustene the neidles & prodiga
consumptioun & the vnsatiabill ambition
and gredines of thir mē yair wickit coun
fallouris & followaris to quhom nathing
hes semit vnlauchfull marchandise. was
not iustice, bluid, freindship & the Kingis
proper rent bestowit on the Duke for his
leuing & all maid cōmonly sellable.

¶ H O W far hes ye cōmoun weil be
ne interessit in rasing & abusing of ye cur
zie yir last tua zeiris. Quhat losc at last hes
the subiectis ressaunt be the crying doun
of that money this zeir, quhilk was cun
zeit the last zeir, to quhome in particulair
hes the commoditie of that commoun
skaithe redoundit. hes it releuit ony pairt
of the

of the Kingis M. grit det or suppleyit ony
ane honorable or profitable warke in the
hail comoun welth.

¶ TOWARD the administration
of iustice, let first the sessioun consider
how extraordinarily thay haue bene vrgit
in this feirfull tyme bypast loking quhair
thay suld be takin ane and ane out of the
iudgement seat, & cōmittit to prisoun or
banissh, quhair any thing procedit cōtrair
ye appetit & intentiō of thir mē or quhair
thay requestit or fauorit.

¶ WAS not cōmand geuin to reposses
men forfaltir quhair thair pacificatiō &
restitution was not ratifit & appreuit be
Parliament & that na suspension for lau-
full causis suld be grantit aganis the same.
In maters criminal na iustice done, & sum
tyme double warrandis geuin to proceid
and continew iustice courtis togidder &
attanis. Grit fuds fosterit to mak ye fattar
elcheitis to fall & plane opposition maid
to the aggrement of parteis standand at
variance.

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TAKING of ordour wth the bur
ningis slauchteris hershipis & depredati
onis cōmittit on ye bordouris & in ye hig
landis altogidder neglectit. Lytle or na
cair takin for interteinment of ye peax &
amitie wth the christiane Princes & cōmon
welthis to get the new exactionis rayf
on ye marchandis iu France & Flanders
releit & ye quyetnes on ye bordours ke
pit ye cours of iustice & redres at ye fron
teirs impedit & dreuin ouer, leuand this
countrey louse to be inuadit at all occasi
onis, wthout fur freindship of ony. Bot gif
it salbe socht quhair ye Kingis M. is not
acknowledgit for a King, & quhair it will
not be obtenit wthout ye hazard of his re
ligion & perrel of his awin estat & croun

QVHAT sal we say of the vnlaw
full taking of the tutorie of Arran a con
forttes noblemā. Innocēt of all foull cry
mes, & visited be the hand of God, & vn
der yat pretext efter solemnizat aith maid
of lauchful administratiō of yat charge &
office to his vilitie, according to richt &
lawis

lawis of ye realme, bereuing him (eſter he
was declarit idiot) of his ſtyle leuing and
heritage, be a fraudfull & ſtollin reſigna-
tion, to ye wraik and diſheriſhing of him
& all his lynage, althocht not declarit of-
fendaris, procurand ſtrange & extraordi-
nar actis of Parliament to be maid to in-
tent yat godles & vnlaufull conqueſt, and
reproching ye principallis of ye nobillity
with lyes & vtheris vnſufferable iniures
in thair faces. The lyke quhair of was ne-
uer done in Scotland, beſyde ye inhu-
mane handling of that innocent & deſected
creature, & of the miſerable nobil woman
the Duches his Mother. Keping him in a
preſon with preſoneris, euill furniſhit of
meit drink or clething, in a moſt cruell &
barbarus maner, to ye hurt of the Kingis
conſcience, honor & gud fame, quhome
thay trauellit to perſuade, to take on him
to be the author of all thir wrangs & wic-
kednes.

¶ Q V H A N all vther ſchyfis that
micht mak profite or money had bene

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scūmit & socht ze a ye guds of ye leuing
mēbefor yai war cōuict or put to ye horn
intromettit w^{or} factoreis grantit yairvpō
in a new & ynaccustomit maner. At last
the iustice air of Cliddisdail haldin & ye
chalnerlane ātis deuyfit for scourging of
the burrowis testifies w^{or} quhat forme or
guts ordour thir men begouth and etirlic
to haif procedit.

¶ C O Mpositionis tane for men and
zit thay neuer impannellit nor accusit, &
oft tymes the landit man and his tennētis
fauld ouerhed for a sowme w^{out} respect
to the offensis bot to the number of the
personis & findrie vther fassionis of bry-
brie new and maist perrillous to enter in
custome vnder the name of iustice, like as
the puirest sorte in the burrowis suld not
haif escapit ye importable scaffrie intēdit
& the welthiest althocht of neuer sa guid
fame, wer threatned with ye persute of ye
hamebringing of fals money, a cryme in-
deid deseruing seuer punisment. Bot quhi
de ye mouō procedit on zeale to iustice
and

& punisment of offendaris, let it be iudgit
cōsidering to quhais gane & proffeit yai
exactionis suld haif cum, And quhē. sic as
wer appointed to be iudges & reuleris of
yat court, war for the maist part markit w
sum note of infamie: And was it not gūt
presumptiō for ony subiect to preis to im-
pyte in sic sorte aboue the hail burrowis
being ane of the thrie estaitis, & derogati-
on & emparing of the Kingis M. awin au-
thoritie & to his Hienes iustice generall.
Zea to intrude in ye offices of him and of
the Admerall was esteemir for ye tyme na-
materis of effect or importance.

¶ QVHAT extraordinar and feirfull
cōmissionis & chargis hes bene impetrat
of the Kings Maicstie not semple of ius-
ticiarie, bot with blankis for taking & ap-
prehēding of quhat personis thai pleit &
incas of thair refuse to be tane to rais fire
assege housis, sla or mutelat. & to quhais
discretion was ye execution thair of com-
mittit, Bot of him yat is famous & aliedy
in danger of the law quhen God sal send
iustice

iustice, offyre rasing, cōmon adultery findrie odious slauchteris, reuefing of a woman, affeiging of men in yair awin housis within burgh, halding of a house of weir, within burgh, and shutting furth of ye sam at ye Kingis M. subiectis & barrounis, leifching of men with beltris and brydillis, slaughter of ane officer of armes at ye marcat croce in the uerie executing of his office, rying of the Kingis letteris, causing the executor thair of sweir yat he suld not reueill the same. Taking of a gentilman out of the K. Maiesteis awin house of the castell of Striuling, carying of him to the park vnder silēce of nicht, tyrring him naked, bidding him cheis quhiddir he wald be hangit or heidit, and efter dinging and misusing of him, causing him sweir yat he sould reueill the same to nane bot to his maister. Forcing of the Kings M. waierd of the Solbuith of Edinburgh, cruelly wounding a man cōmittit to waierd thairin, and maisterfully taking ane vther offēdar out of waierd without finding of caution or command

commandement had of the magistratis.
hanging in a sword belt and tormenting
of a young man cūming to him for execu-
ting of a precept of warnig befor yis last
Witsonday, in a foul & vnworthie maner
to be reherfit. Participation wth Pyratis in
their thyft and rubery of the guids of the
freindis and confederattis of this realme,
reproching & misusing sum of ye Kings
Maiesties counsell in his awin house: Gif
this man was meit to haue the credyte of
the execution of sic a feirfull & bludy cō-
mission, or was ony wayes worthie to be
sufferit to cum to his Hienes with a cum-
panie of armed mē for putting of furthe
cruelteis to execution, Let first God and
than the Kings M. and his estatis Iudge

¶ IN all this tyme lytill ordinar pre-
uie counsell being kepit, except it had be-
ne for proppit causis to ye auancemēt to
thir men yair freindis or followaris, ye ra-
ther because the Duke had procurit ane
ordinance that na thing past out of coun-
sell suld be valiable that was not subscri-
uit

uit be him.

¶ T H V S the Kingis M. honourbe-
ing gritly emparit, ye maist pairt of the no-
bilitie and guid subiectis, finding na sure
acces to admoneis & certitie his Maiestie
of his awin honour & weilsair nor to mo-
ue his Hienes in thair awin crandis or to
procuire expedition of thair laifull & rea-
sonable causis, bot be the said Duke his
mediation and to him be sam interpretor
oirtymes deirly hyrit, Finding our selfis in
continuall dangeris be misreportis, to be
put at & hourly loking for the execucion
of the cruelteis intendit aganis vs we
thocht nathing better nor to repair to his
Maiestie and to remane beside him remo-
uing the cheif & principall authouris of
hir enormeteis quhil ye treuth might be
manifested to his Hienes & his estaites &
that be common adwyse sic spedie & sub-
stantius remedeis may be prouydit, as yet
Ministeris & professouris of Godis trewe
religion publictly prechit, & be the lawis
of the realme established may leif and vse
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the exercise of the same religious as weill
in the free dispensation of Godis word &
reproving of sin & impietic, as in admini-
stration of the Sacraments & vsing of the
ecclesiasticall cēsure & discipline quhair
occasion is offerit according to ye same
word and louable lawis & custome obser-
uit within this realme heitrofor vntrou-
blit or burdenit w̄ extraordinar or straing
iniunctionis. Thay behnouād thame selfis
the Kingis M. dewtifull subiectis & being
obedient to his Maiesteis lawis in ordinar
& lauchfull iudgement for ony offences
cryminall or ciuill quhairwith thay may
be chargit.

¶ **N I X T** that the treuth may be ma-
nifestit of the trauellis that hes benetane
and practisē vsed for mouing of ye Kings
Maiestie to condescend to ony dimission
of his Crown & royall auctoritie, or asso-
ciatio of ye Quene his moder in coiunct
gouernament with him, & that it be con-
siderit quhat auantage or perrell that in-
tention taking effect might haue wrocht

to the new religion, ye Kingis M. person
& estate, and to his nobilitie and faithfull
subiectis professing his obedience, & yair
liur promise may be had how ye further
proceeding in this dangerous practise shalbe
forbiddin & cut of & the attempting of ye
lyke in tyme cūing forborne & eschewit.

¶ A N D finally that the saids corrup-
tionis abusis & disorderis enterit within
thir lait zeiris in the cōmoun welth either
in the corruption and misusing of iustice
or ye Kingis awin person, house, rent, of-
ficeris, ordour of counsell & gouernance
of the publick affaires, oppressing & extor-
ting of the subiectes vnder colour of ius-
tice or vtherwayis being particularly con-
siderit, may be sa amendit & reformat, as
God may be thairby pleasit, The Kingis
M. honorit and luiffit, & yair the nobilitie
and subiectis may leif in iustice peace
and tranquillitie, releuit of the
crueltis dangeris & cala-
mitis intēdit aganis
thame in tyme
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